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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION ON JUNE 15 AT NOON**  
***THE DRAFT IN ALABAMA DURING WORLD WAR I***  
**PRESENTED BY SEBASTIAN LUKASIK**

Montgomery, AL (6/7/17) - *Food for Thought* continues another year of fascinating lunchtime lectures on the rich history of Alabama at the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) on **Thursday, June 15 at 12:00 pm**. Sebastian Lukasik will present ***The Draft in Alabama during World War I***.

When the U.S. entered World War I in 1917, Americans were drafted into military service for the first time since the Civil War. Of the nearly 445,000 Alabamians who registered for the draft, 64,000 were inducted into service. Historian Sebastian Lukasik will discuss the draft's influence on the social, economic, and cultural life of Alabama and the changing perceptions of military service, citizenship, and civic identity at a crucial time in the state's history.

Dr. Sebastian H. Lukasik is Associate Professor of Comparative Military Studies at Air Command Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery. He received a Ph.D. in history from Duke University, and has previously taught as a visiting faculty member at Duke and North Carolina State University. His research interests focus on American military culture in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, and on the social history of military service in North America and Europe in the era of the world wars. He is currently writing a book entitled *Blanc Mont: America's Forgotten Battle of the Great War*, which will be published by Indiana University Press.

Admission to Food For Thought presentations is always **FREE!** The public is invited to bring a brown bag lunch. Complimentary beverages are provided. **For additional information, call (334) 353-4689.**

Food For Thought 2017 is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Alabama Archives and the Alabama Humanities Foundation, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is the state's government records repository, special collections library and research facility, and is home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. It is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across the street from the State Capitol. The Archives and Museum are open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit [www.archives.alabama.gov](http://www.archives.alabama.gov) or call (334) 242-4364.

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